

Arkansas
(Dollars in Thousands)

Arkansas	2012 Total*	5% Sequester	Revised Total
Estimate of Total Interior Funding	49,979	-2,438	47,541

* The 2012 Total does not include project specific funding for land acquisition, construction, and Bureau of Reclamation projects or competitive grant allocations.

Interior funding in Arkansas totaled about \$50 million in 2012. A five percent sequester of Interior funding at this level would mean a loss of about \$2.4 million. This estimate will be updated once the sequestration order is issued and allocations are finalized. There could be further reductions in competitive grants, land acquisition and construction projects, and wildland fire expenditures that are not included in this estimate.

- The Department of Interior has a presence in Arkansas with over 400 employees. Arkansas is home to seven parks units within its border and shares a national scenic trail with adjoining states. Arkansas hosts ten refuges and three fish hatcheries.
- Together these and other assets attracted almost 4 million visitors, created over 3,200 jobs, and generated \$192 million for local economies in 2011.
- Under the sequester, Interior operations in Arkansas stand to lose an estimated:
 - \$1.1 million from Fish and Wildlife Service sites like *Logan Cave National Wildlife Refuge* and *White River National Wildlife Refuge*.
 - \$810 thousand from National Park Service sites like *President William Jefferson Clinton Birthplace Home National Historic Site*, *Fort Smith National Historic Site*, and *Hot Springs National Park*.

Within this total, major grants and direct payments to Arkansas would drop by about \$1.5 million.

Interior Grants and Payments	Estimate Total	Sequester	Revised Total
Abandoned Mine Land Grants	3,000	-153	2,847
Historic Preservation Fund	754	-38	716
LWCF State Grants w/GOMESA	526	-26	500
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	5,435	-277	5,158
Sport Fish & Wildlife Restoration	16,519	-842	15,677
State and Wildlife Grants	555	-28	527
Mineral Revenue Payments	2,067	-105	1,962
Total, Arkansas	28,856	-1,470	27,386

Note: The sequester is an across-the-board reduction that reduces every account and activity (with few exemptions). The result will be reduced levels of direct services provided to the American public. Cut backs in visitor hours and programs will impact tourism and travel and have ripple effects on communities and economies that are reliant on these activities. Reductions in permanent and seasonal staffing and reductions in contracts will impact surrounding communities where employees live and where supplies and services are acquired. Reductions in grants and payments will impact the abilities of States, Tribes and counties to sustain ongoing services in emergency response, education, and others. As these impacts are defined, we will provide details.